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TO AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 095885

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EIND, CS

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXPORT LICENSE FOR BUNKER C FUEL

REF: SAN JOSE 1733

1. ARA/CEN (SULLIVAN) RECEIVED INQUIRIES CONCERNING STATUS OF APPLICATION FOR SUBJECT EXPORT LICENSE ON MAY 6 FROM INTERESTED AMERICAN (POWELL) AND EMBASSY OF COSTA RICA ECONOMIC COUNSELOR (SOLERA). BOTH WERE APPARENTLY CALLING ON BASIS OF CONTACTS BY BUQUES CENTRO-AMERICANOS, S.A. SOLERA MADE CLEAR ON MAY 6 AND AGAIN ON MORNING OF MAY 7 THAT HE WAS INQUIRING, RATHER THAN MAKING AN OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION. THEN, LATE IN DAY, MAY 7, SOLERA CALLED AGAIN TO SAY HE HAD NOW RECEIVED CABLED INSTRUCTIONS FROM MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND THAT HE WAS NOW REQUESTING DEPT. OF STATE ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING SUBJECT EXPORT PERMIT. SOLERA ALSO STATED THAT HE WAS RECEIVING FREQUENT CALLS FROM FRETHIMNAESS CHARTERING COMPANY (U.S. BASED CO. IN CONTROL OF SHIP WHICH WOULD MOVE FUEL TO COSTA RICA) SAYING THAT SHIP COULD NOT BE HELD BEYOND MAY 7 IN EARLY CALLS, AND THEN IN A LATER CALL BEYOND MAY 8.

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2. INTER-AGENCY MEETING AFTERNOON OF MAY 8 TO REVIEW
NUMEROUS EXPORT APPLICATIONS DEFERRED ACTION ON ALMOST

ALL APPLICATIONS INCLUDING THE COSTA RICAN REQUEST IN
VIEW OF THE SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF BUNKER C IN CALIFORNIA,
AND PENDING FURTHER CONFIRMATION BY THE EMBASSY OF THE
REAL AND URGENT NEED FOR BUNKER C IN COSTA RICA.
SOLERA WAS INFORMED OF DEFERRAL, AND WILL SEND DIPLOMATIC
NOTE REQUESTING APPROVAL ON MAY 9.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE
A MORE DEFINITIVE RECOMMENDATION THAN THAT GIVEN REFTEL.
EMBASSY IS ALSO ASKED TO COMMENT ON WHETHER THERE IS
ANY LIKELIHOOD THAT SHIPMENT WOULD BE DIVERTED FOR
USE OUTSIDE COSTA RICA.
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